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Draft report

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. Pursuant to paragraph 50 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33, the United Nations Forum on Forests convened a special session at United Nations Headquarters on 20 January 2017, immediately following the adjournment of the session of its working group established pursuant to paragraph 46 of the same resolution.

2. At the special session, held on 20 January 2017, the Director of the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests opened the meeting and made a statement.

3. [*To be completed.*]

B. Election of officers

4. At the special session, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Peter Besseau (Canada) as Chair and Clarissa Souza Della Nina (Brazil), Wu Zhimin (China) and Tomas Krejzar (Czechia) as Vice-Chairs of the session.

5. [*To be completed.*]

C. Agenda and organization of work

6. At the special session, the Forum adopted the annotated provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.18/SS/2017/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.

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2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Report of the working group of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

4. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its special session.

7. Also at the special session, the Forum approved the provisional organization of work for the session, as circulated in an informal paper in English only.

D. Documentation

8. At the special session, the Forum had before it an advance unedited version, in English only, of the recommendations of the working group.

9. [*To be completed.*]

E. Conclusion of the special session

10. [*To be completed.*]

F. Attendance

11. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, with full and equal participation. The list of participants will be made available on the website of the Forum in due course.

Annex

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Agenda item 3
Report of the working group of the United Nations Forum on Forests

The United Nations Forum on Forests recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 and quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017-2020

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2015/33 of 22 July 2015, in which it decided that the United Nations Forum on Forests should develop a concise strategic plan for the period 2017-2030 to serve as a strategic framework to enhance the coherence of and guide and focus the work of the international arrangement on forests and its components and that it should consider proposals on the replacement of the reference to the Millennium Development Goals in paragraph 1 (*b*) of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests[1] with an appropriate reference to the Sustainable Development Goals and targets and on the strategic plan for the period 2017-2030,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/199 of 22 December 2015, in which the Assembly renamed the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests the United Nations forest instrument,

1. *Approves* the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 annexed to the present resolution and recommends to the General Assembly its adoption prior to the twelfth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests;

2. *Also approves* the quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2017-2020 annexed to the present resolution;

[1] General Assembly resolution 62/98, annex.

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3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly amend the reference to the Millennium Development Goals in paragraph 1 (*b*) of the United Nations forest instrument to read: "To enhance the contribution of forests to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of its goals and targets".

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United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 and quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017-2020

Text of UNSPF 2017-2030 and 4POW 2017-2020